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THE COLONY "A HAPPY HUNTING GROUND FOR CRIMINALS."

The annual meeting of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce was held at the City Hall, yesterday afternoon, the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang presiding. The firms represented were as follows:—Messrs. J. M. Alves & Co. (Mr. J. M. Alves); Arculfi Bros. (Mr. V. Curran); the Asiatic Petroleum Co., Ltd. (Mr. N. L. Watson); Arnold Bros. & Co., Ltd. (Mr. B. Monteith Webb); Anderson Meyer & Co., Ltd. (Mr. Vald Steensby); the Bandue de l'Indo Chine (Mons. V. Marso); Botelho Bros. (Mr. P. V. Botelho); Bradley & Co., Ltd. (Mr. T. W. Hill); Butterfield & Swire (Mr. G. T. Edkins); Brunner Mond & Co. (Mr. R. C. E. Hockley); Caldbeck Macgregor & Co. (Mr. C. Lafrentz); Canadian Pacific Services, Ltd. (Mr. P. A. Cox); China Japan Telephone and Electric Co., Ltd. (Mr. W. Bennett); China Light and Power Co., Ltd. (Mr. W. Adamson); China Mutual Life Insurance Co., Ltd. (Mr. B. W. Tapp); China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd. (Mr. W. Adamson); China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd. (Mr. G. M. Shaw); Commercial Union Assurance Co., Ltd. (Mr. G. H. Elliott); Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes (Mr. A. Jobard); Deacon, Looker, Deacon and Harston (Mr. W. E. L. Shenton); Dodwell & Co., Ltd. (Mr. G. M. Dodwell); Eastern Extension Australasia and China Telegraph Co., Ltd. (Mr. M. E. F. Airey); General Electric Co. of China, Ltd. (Mr. A. B. Raworth); Gibb, Livingston & Co., Ltd. (the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang and Mr. L. J. Davies); Gilman & Co., Ltd. (Mr. G. Mishman); Green Island Cement Co., Ltd. (Messrs. W. Adamson and Allan Keith); T. E. Griffith, Ltd. (Mr. P. A. Dixon); Sir Robert Ho Tung; Messrs. W. A. Hummel & Co. (Mr. John Robertson); Hausman Korn & Co. (Mr. E. Kern); Handelsmaatschappij "Transmarina" (Mr. D. H. te Wechel); Holland China Trading Co. (Mr. A. W. van Andel); Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd. (Mr. J. Arnold); Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd. (Mr. F. R. Marsh); Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd. (Mr. W. Adamson); Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (the Hon. Mr. A. G. Stopher); Hongkong Tramway Co., Ltd. (Mr. W. E. Roberts); Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd. (Mr. R. M. Dyer); Ip Tak & Co. (Mr. Tam Wing-kwong); Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. (Mr. E. Sutherland); Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. (Mr. D. G. M. Bernard); Java China Japan Lijn (Mr. C. Quarles van Ufford); Kailan Mining Administration (Mr. C. A. Peel); Mr. Lo Cheung Shiu; Messrs. Leigh & Orange (Mr. W. L. Leask); Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Ltd. (Mr. T. Hizuno); Mackinnon Mackenzie & Co. (the Hon. E. V. D. Parr); Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd. (Mr. N. C. Wilson); Reiss & Co. (Mr. W. Sinclair); Robertson, Wilson & Co. (Mr. G. W. Sewell); Alex. Ross & Co. (Mr. A. S. D. Cousland); J. M. da Rocha & Co. (Mr. A. D. Barretto); Rudolf Wolff & Kow, Ltd. (Mr. C. H. W. Kew); David Sassoon & Co., Ltd. (Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith); E. D. Sassoon & Co., Ltd. (Mr. S. H. Dutton); Shewan, Tomes & Co. (Mr. W. Adamson); Stewart Bros. (Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin); Sandoz Chemical Works, Basle (Mr. W. Sinclair); Union Trading Co., Ltd. (Mr. S. M. Churn); United Abestos Oriental Agency, Ltd. (Mr. W. C. Shiner); Harry Wicking & Co. (Mr. J. Owen Hughes), with the Secretary (Mr. D. K. Blair).

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting and the Chairman then read the customary address reviewing the work of the year.

THE CHAIRMAN'S REVIEW.

The Chairman said: Gentlemen,—As you are aware the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak was compelled to leave the Colony towards the end of last year, owing to continued ill health, and since his departure the duties of Chairman of this Chamber have devolved upon me. You will be pleased to learn that latest advices bring good news regarding Mr. Holyoak, and I understand his present intention is to return to Hongkong early in October. (Applause.)

The report and accounts, having been in your hands for some days, I shall, with your permission, follow the usual procedure and take them as read. You will notice that the correspondence dealt with continues to grow in volume, and although, by reason of their confidential nature, many questions which have arisen do not appear in the report under review, I can assure you that the year just concluded has been an exceptionally busy one for your Committee.

I shall now, as briefly as possible, make reference to such subjects as would appear to me to call for special attention.

TELEPHONE SERVICE.

At the last annual general meeting your Chairman, in reply to the observations of one of the members, stated that the long expected report in connection with the telephone service had just come to hand, and it may interest you to know that, as the result thereof, the Hongkong Government lost no time in appointing a Committee, three members of which were nominated by this Chamber, to go into the position fully. Certain recommendations were, I understand, put forward by that Committee for the consideration of the Government, and during the past few days a prominent officer of the Telephone Company has arrived from London with a view to concluding some arrangement whereby an improved service will be made available to the general public. (Applause.)

CABLE SERVICE.

I am glad to report that delays in transmission of telegrams between this port and Great Britain, and Continental countries have been substantially reduced, owing to the completion of the new cable from London to Singapore. As a matter of fact, ordinary telegrams are now getting through to London in about nine hours while "deferred" messages are received at destination in approximately two days after despatched from Hongkong. Telegrams sent off on a Friday or Saturday appear to be subject to more delay than those despatched earlier in the week, but now that the Great Northern Company has re-established "communication" with Europe we can look for a still further improvement and perhaps a return to pre-war conditions. Those who have had an opportunity of perusing the report of the Eastern and Associated Telegraph Companies would gather from the speech of the Chairman, Sir John Dennison-Pender, that the laying of yet another cable between England and China is in contemplation, showing that these Companies are making every effort to recover the loss occasioned by war conditions. Errors in transmission to and from Europe have been reduced considerably of late, and recent telegrams are particularly free from mutilations. Conditions in respect of cables to and from the United States, however, do not show a corresponding improvement, but the repetition of suspected errors to the station of origin, which was not before available, has somewhat eased the situation.

RICE TRADE OF THE COLONY.

The year 1921 has been, on the whole, an unsatisfactory one for the Rice Trade of this port. The Cuban market, which is one of our main outlets, was closed to us until the end of June, when the embargo on the importation of rice into Cuba was raised. The removal of the embargo brought temporary relief, as owing to the demand from that island, as well as from New York, for transshipment to other West Indian destinations, the market here strengthened considerably. But the improvement was short-lived in consequence of competition from quite an unexpected quarter:—namely, Germany. Germany had imported considerable quantities of rice, and, on account of the great depreciation of the mark, holders of stocks in Hamburg were in a position to re-export their cargo, at prices much below those ruling in the Orient. Tempted by these low offers from Germany, Cuban operators bought largely from Hamburg, with the result that their market was soon overstocked, and this fact, coupled with the uncertainty of the financial position at

present ruling in Cuba, will no doubt act as a deterrent to exporters at Hongkong in entering into further contracts with their Cuban friends for some time to come. The outlook for the coming season, in so far as supplies are concerned, is very fair. Both Siam and Saigon have had good crops, while that of Burmah is reported to have been a bumper one, there being no less than 21 million tons available for export this year, which quantity represents almost as much as the estimated total of the combined exportable surplus from Siam and Saigon. With regard to the export of rice to the Pacific Coast, under the rules of this Chamber governing the sale of rice to members of the Rice Association of California, I may mention that on account of certain discrepancies and differences in the wording of Surveyors' certificates, which have been brought to the notice of your Committee by Exporters Association of Hongkong, it has been decided to adopt a standard form which will bear only the signature of the Secretary of this Chamber. This new form of certificate, on which the Surveyor's name does not appear, becomes effective on July 1st next.

PROCEEDS OF THE SHIPPING CONTROL.

With regard to the monies held by the Hongkong Government as the result of the Shipping Control scheme inaugurated in March, 1918, and against the retention of which a petition was presented to His Excellency the Governor by certain shipping companies concerned, I understand that the proposed Ordinance dealing with this question is held in abeyance pending the result of certain local enquiries instituted by the Government. It is hoped that something definite will be decided in this matter in the near future.

FIRE BRIGADE SERVICE.

I understand that the Captain Superintendent of Police has made several recommendations to the Government in his recent report on the Fire Brigade, several of which have already been brought into effect, and which will, no doubt, result in greater efficiency in this Department. In a densely populated place like Hongkong it is absolutely essential that safety should be the first consideration, and no expense should be spared in bringing all fire-fighting appliances up-to-date, both ashore and afloat. (Applause.) As to the personnel of the Fire Brigade, I am of opinion that the duties of the Captain Superintendent of Police, apart from the supervision of the Fire Brigade, are in themselves more than sufficient to occupy his full time, and that, under the circumstances, a special executive officer, with fire-fighting and engineering experience, should be obtained from Home without delay. (Applause.)

There is no doubt that the engagement of such an officer would meet with general approval, and would result in our Fire Brigade being brought to a higher state of efficiency than is at present possible. In the meantime the proposed change in the staff of the Brigade in which the part-time European firemen are to be replaced by whole-time Chinese, offered by three trained European firemen, still be watched with interest.

THE CROWN AGENTS.

Correspondence has been exchanged between this Chamber and the Government with regard to purchases made by the Public Works Department through the Crown Agents for the Colonies. Your Committee contends that the Government should, as far as possible, purchase locally all supplies of British manufactured goods, and in this we have the support of the Chambers of Commerce at Colombo, Penang and Singapore. The present policy of the Government is, as you are aware, to purchase bulk supplies through the Crown Agents, and to buy locally only such casual requirements as may be urgently needed. It seems a reasonable suggestion that firms which have spent time and capital in establishing branches out here should be given preference over competitors who are content to sit on the doorstep of the Crown Agents in London, and who in no way contribute to the Colony's welfare either by service or with money. (Applause.)

The joint memorial to the Secretary of State for the Colonies in this connection from the Chambers of Commerce at Colombo, Penang, Singapore and Hongkong has so far, I regret to say, had no effect, but there is an intention to let the matter drop, and perhaps in time, by dint of perseverance, it may be possible to induce the powers that be in London to depart from the present unsatisfactory and antiquated Crown Agent system.

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INTIMATIONS

DANCES AT THE PRINCE PAVILION.

WITH the permission of the Government, ARRANGE DANCES, from 5 to 7, will be held in the Pavilion, on MONDAY, the 24th and TUESDAY the 25th April.

Admission (not including refreshments) 50 cents for each dance.

Tickets can be obtained at Mounties or at the door.

Any surplus will be sent to St. Dunstan's Home for the Blind.

The Hongkong Hotel Company are kindly giving the Band, free of charge. [381]

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above named Company which it is intended to incorporate forthwith is issuing a Prospectus dated the 18th day of April, 1922, a copy of which has been filed with the Registrar of Companies, inviting subscriptions at 10/- per Share on application, 5/- per Share on allotment, 2/- per Share on the 30th June, 1922, and 3/- per Share on subsequent demand.

The subscription list is now open and will be CLOSED on the 31st April, 1922.

Copies of the Prospectus can be inspected and forms of application can be obtained at the Office of the Company's General Manager, Messrs. SUGAN, TOMES & CO., St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong.

This Notice is not to be regarded as an invitation to the public to subscribe for Shares, and application will only be received on the footing of the full prospectus and in the form issued therewith.

Dated 20th April, 1922.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers, St. George's Building, Hongkong. [382]

CHINESE GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS—CANTON-KOWLOON LINE.

(CHINESE SECTION).

WITH the approval of the Ministry of Communications, suppliers of track sleepers and bridge and crossing timbers are hereby invited to submit sealed tenders in duplicate, which should be clearly marked "TENDERS FOR SLEEPERS," and addressed to the Managing Director, Canton-Kowloon Railway, Chinese Section, Canton, to the Railway Head Office not later than 11 o'clock in the forenoon of TUESDAY, the 30th day of April, 1922.

Specification and full particulars may be obtained by application to the Railway Head Office, Canton, on the deposit of \$100, which will be refunded on the submission of a bona fide tender.

Tenders must be made in the form at the foot of the Specification, which must be returned undetached.

The successful tenderer will be required to sign a formal contract and to furnish a Bank Guarantee of 10 per cent of the value of the contract for the due and proper performance of the terms of such contract.

The Railway does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

The Head Office, CANTON-KOWLOON RAILWAY, Chinese Section, Canton, 18th April, 1922. [383]

CHINESE GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS—CANTON-KOWLOON LINE.

(CHINESE SECTION).

WITH the approval of the Ministry of Communications, suppliers of Portland Cement are hereby invited to submit sealed tenders in duplicate, which should be clearly marked "TENDER FOR PORTLAND CEMENT," and addressed to the Managing Director, Canton-Kowloon Railway, Chinese Section, Canton, to the Railway Head Office not later than 11 o'clock in the forenoon of MONDAY, the 30th day of May, 1922, for the supply of Portland Cement for a period of one year from 1st June, 1922, to 31st May, 1923.

Specification and full particulars may be obtained by application to the Railway Head Office, Canton, on the deposit of \$100, which will be refunded on the submission of a bona fide tender.

Tender must be made in the form at the foot of the Specification, which must be returned undetached.

The successful tenderer will be required to sign a formal contract and to furnish a Bank Guarantee of 10 per cent of the value of the contract for the due and proper performance of the terms of such contract.

A sample bag or barrel of the cement to be supplied under the contract, and which must conform to the British or American Standard Specification for Portland Cement, must be forwarded by the tenderer at the time of tendering.

The Railway does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

The Head Office, CANTON-KOWLOON RAILWAY, Chinese Section, Canton, 18th April, 1922. [384]

EXHIBITION OF OIL PAINTING.

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AT POWELL'S WINDOW.

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HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, April 20th.

Previous On Date Of Date

Day at 2 p.m. 6 a.m. 3 p.m.

Barometer 29.92 29.89 29.87

Temperature 76 70 78

Humidity 65 84 71

Wind-Direction 2 3 2

Force 4 3 3

Weather 0 0 0

Rain 0.00 0.00 0.00

Highest open-air Temperature on 19th 75

Lowest open-air Temperature on 20th 70

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

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PILFERAGE OF CARGO IN TRANSIT.

As you are all aware, this matter has been engaging the earnest attention of the Chamber for over a year past. The serious and extensive nature of the pilferage epidemic was such as to cause the greatest concern to every class of the commercial community in all parts of the world. It formed the subject matter of a resolution proposed by Hongkong at the annual conference of Chambers of Commerce at Shanghai towards the end of 1920. In the summer of 1921, your Committee approached the Hongkong Government with a view to obtaining their assistance to combat the evil, as far as it existed in the Harbour of Hongkong. This the Government were quite prepared to do if it could be shown what practical steps would best tend to put a check on the practice, and I would record here our indebtedness to the Captain Superintendent of Police and other police officers for their readiness to do all in their power to provide increased patrol services wherever they were shown to be necessary. Investigation has shown that little, if any, pilferage takes place after cargo has once been removed to godown, the various wharf companies maintaining an efficient control over goods stored on their premises. It was found that it was during the process of loading and discharging that further supervision was mainly called for. I am glad to be able to report a distinct diminution of the evil in recent months which I think testifies to the efficiency of the steps taken by the police authorities, steamship owners, wharf companies and other interests involved.

PASSPORTS.

The Chamber supported the leading steamship companies in their representations to the Government for a modification of the passport examination regulations, and it is satisfactory that the Government responded favourably, with the result that the examination of passports on board steamers leaving the port is now dispensed with. This makes for much saving of time and for the general comfort of all concerned. The examination of passports of passengers entering the Colony continues, but with the methods now in operation it is not nearly so irksome a business as was previously the case.

THE OBSERVATORY.

Correspondence has also taken place with the Director of the Observatory and with the Government, which is still continuing, with the object of obtaining greater efficiency in respect of weather reports and typhoon warnings. It is hoped, in response to the representations of this Chamber, that the Government will increase its annual vote to the Observatory and thereby enable the Director to issue daily weather maps showing storm centres and barometrical records. There is a strong feeling amongst the shipping community that the Hongkong Observatory needs expansion, and in view of the importance of Hongkong as one of the leading ports of the world no expense should be spared in providing such equipment as is usually associated with modern observatories. (Applause.)

MAILS.

During the year there was considerable improvement in the mail service between Great Britain and the Far East, and as far as Hongkong is concerned there have been several occasions recently of mails from Home being delivered in 29 days from date of posting in London. I understand that the mail contract with the P. & O. Company, which had been suspended since the war, was renewed on 26th December last, and under the circumstances there is every reason to expect the circulation of mails between Hongkong and the United Kingdom will be satisfactorily maintained.

WIRELESS.

I hope that the Government will take in hand, at once, the construction of a commercial wireless station. It is understood that Hongkong is to be one of the terminals of the 2,000 mile chain of stations which will link up British possessions with the home country and with each other. This station should be put in hand at once for, even if other stations in the chain were completed after Hongkong station, such a station would enable Hongkong to be, at night, in wireless touch with all big stations, and, during the day, communication could be kept up between Hongkong and Shanghai, Japan and Ceylon, and doubtless many other stations.

NATIVE LABOUR.

During 1921, strikes occurred in Hongkong, affecting the wages of mechanics and skilled labour, and resulting in advances of wages up to 30 per cent. At the same time, strikes were proceeding in the neighbouring Province, leading up to the serious situation which we have recently experienced in Hongkong. There has been a very remarkable movement in the labour market, both skilled and unskilled. These difficult labour conditions continue, apparently, without any regard to the inevitable increase in living costs which the enhancement of wages must bring about, to say nothing of its effect on the prosperity of South China generally, in which Chinese and Europeans are equally concerned.

Although it does not strictly come within the period now under review you will no doubt expect me to comment on the recent serious strike and resulting conditions. So soon as the situation reached the critical stage, your Committee appointed a General Strike Committee, who kept themselves as closely as possible in touch with the whole situation, co-operating as far as they could with those directly concerned, with a view to assist amicable settlement, and to make representations where it seemed necessary, or advantage could be gained in the interests of this Chamber, and its members, as well as in the general interests of the community.

Like all concerned, your General Strike Committee were very seriously handicapped in dealing with the situation, owing to the fact that it was not a strike self-contained in Hongkong. Strikers left a large body for Canton where, I believe, various influences hampered direct and indirect measures hampering a settlement in the interests of both parties. It was only by co-operation on the part of the Hongkong Government with Dr. Jamieson and Mr. Luk King Foh, a deputy from the Canton Foreign Office, that a settlement was ultimately arrived at, and an agreement reached on the main question while a general strike was operating. The thanks of this Chamber are due to Dr. Jamieson and Mr. Luk King Foh for the very valuable assistance they rendered in this way.

The strike experience has set many of us thinking and all of us are concerned with what may best be done to minimise the effects should a similar experience arise in the future. A good text for Chinese and ourselves alike is furnished in the remarks made by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in the Prince's pavilion during his recent visit. The life of this Colony and its prosperity is interdependent on the British and Chinese dwellers on the island. Bordered on ancient China, with its centuries of history and of experience, Hongkong forms a meeting place that should be of mutual advantage to both civilisations.

"Great Britain has always displayed a lively and unflinching interest in the development of China, and in all that appertains to its prosperity; and your zeal in the promotion of the Colony's welfare, combined with the cordial friendship that has always existed between the races in Hongkong, augurs well for its future advancement." (Applause.)

SECRETARY.

I would like to place in record my great appreciation of the services rendered by our Secretary, Mr. D. K. Blair, since his return from Home. Without his valuable assistance during the period of the Strike, it would have been impossible for me to have attended to my own business and, at the same time, to have carried out the duties attaching to the Chairmanship of this Chamber. (Applause.)

ACCOUNTS.

The accounts, as presented, will no doubt be considered satisfactory, and I do not think there is anything in them requiring special comment.

I now beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts as presented, and after this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions which members may desire to put. (Applause.)

MR. J. OWEN HUGHES.

Mr. J. OWEN HUGHES said:—It gives me much pleasure to second the adoption of the Report and Accounts as presented. Our Chairman has referred, in a clear and concise manner, to the principal matters dealt with by our Committee during the past year, and little more can profitably be added by me, only that I feel sure my fellow-members very fully appreciate the vast amount of work—and very hard, difficult, and laborious work—done by you, Sir, and by our Committee during what has been probably the most momentous year in the history of the Chamber, if not of the Colony.

I, for one, am pleased to think that we may hope in the near future to see a better telephone service; though I feel sure the Telephone Co. has done its utmost to keep up with the ever-increasing demands during trying and difficult times. (Applause.) As for the cable service, there has been such an improvement of late, that at present we have very little to complain of. It is interesting to learn that there is a possibility of another cable being laid between England and China, which shows what confidence such men as Sir J. Dennison Pender and his associates of the E. T. Company, have in the future of China. (Applause.)

The Chairman's remarks on the Rise Trade of the Colony are interesting, and the allusion to German competition in this important trade, is a further reminder of what we may expect, not only in rice, but in all commodities, both into and out of this Port.

Members will, I feel sure, fully support the Committee in every endeavour to see that the Fire Brigade is brought to the highest state of efficiency.

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SPORT.

LAWN TENNIS.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

In the Club Championship final of the Hongkong Cricket Club Tournament, F. A. Redmond beat Capt. P. H. Davies by three sets to love (18 games to 4). Redmond thus enters the challenge round and will have to meet J. B. Peaman, who is the present holder of the Championship. The pit-bill of to-day's matches is that of O. Rumjahn and Mr. W. Lo in the semi-final of the Open Championship Singles.

The following are the results:— Club Championship.—F. A. Redmond beat P. H. Davies, 6-1, 6-1, 6-2.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

Open Championship Singles.—O. Rumjahn v. M. W. Lo.
Handicap Singles "A".—J. B. Peaman v. A. Bready.
Handicap Doubles.—F. A. Redmond and M. H. Roffey v. R. and H. Hancock.

BILLIARDS.

THE PALACE HOTEL HANDICAP.

Playing in the billiards handicap at the Palace Hotel Kowloon, last night, J. C. Achin (—150) defeated E. R. Hyndman (—100) by one. This was a close and well contested game.

The highest breaks were:— Achin:—15, 13, 13.
Hyndman:—17, 17.

At 9 o'clock J. H. Tai—125 defeated R. Earnshaw—100. The final scores were Tai 250, Earnshaw 222, and the highest break:—

Tai:—25, 24, 21, 19, 18, 17, 16, 14.
Earnshaw:—15.

To-morrow at 4 p.m. R. McCarthy meets S. P. James, and at 9 p.m. J. Parkes will play W. S. Bass.

CRICKET.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE PAST & PRESENT.

The second annual cricket match—Staff and Pupils of Queen's College, and the College Old Boys' Association—will take place on Saturday, commencing at 2 p.m., on the Chinese Recreation Club ground at Causeway Bay. The teams are as follows:— Queen's College.—J. S. Curran (Capt.), E. M. Arculli, A. O. Brown, E. J. Edwards, J. C. Fletcher, S. A. R. Ismail, W. Kay, A. H. Madar, M. P. Madar, D. Mohammed and J. F. de Rome.
C.O.O.B.A.—A. el Arculli (Capt.), C. G. Anderson, C. Choe, H. G. Hunt, S. A. Ismail, S. D. Ismail, S. H. Ismail, E. A. Moosdeen, A. H. Roberts, A. H. Rumjahn and D. Rumjahn.
Umpires:—Hung Hing Fat and M. Hassan.

UNITED SERVICES SHANGHAI XI. THE CLUB.

The following will play for the Club in a practice match on Saturday at 2.15 on the Club grounds:—T. E. Pearce (Capt.), G. R. Sayer, E. B. Reed, E. I. R. Mitchell, R. E. A. Webster, L. I. Davies, E. G. Lambert, B. D. Evans, H. Owen Hughes, Major Matthews and E. W. Hamilton.

CRIME IN THE COLONY.

We are glad to hear you report a reduction in cases of pilferage of cargo, and that this is due to the efficiency of the Police, the S.S. Companies and Wharf Companies. The continual reports of serious crime within the Colony (though perhaps not surprising in view of the unsettled state of the country behind us) is to say the least, very disconcerting to the community, and it is to be hoped the hands of our capable Captain Superintendent of Police will be strengthened in order to cope more effectively with those gentry, who seem to make our Colony their happy hunting ground. (Applause.) Support will be given in every endeavour made by the Committee to continue in their protests against the Crown Agents system which you have rightly described as antiquated.

Members will support what you have stated regarding the valuable services rendered by Dr. Jamieson and Mr. Luk King Foh during the recent strike negotiations; as also your reference to the splendid work of our energetic Secretary, Mr. Blair. (Applause.)

As no member of the Chamber desired to ask a question the report and accounts were then adopted.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE.

The next business was the election of a Committee for the ensuing year.

Mr. E. F. ALLEN proposed the election to the Committee of members whose names appeared on the ballot form. They were:—

The Hon. Mr. P. H. HOLYOAKE.
The Hon. Mr. A. O. LANG.
The Hon. Mr. A. G. STEPHENS.
The Hon. Mr. F. V. D. PARR.
Mr. D. G. M. BERNARD.
Mr. G. M. DOWDALL.
Mr. C. MONAGHAN EDE.
Mr. G. T. ECKING.
Mr. J. OWEN HUGHES.
Mr. A. S. D. COUSLAND.

Mr. JOHN ROBERTSON seconded the proposition.

Mr. N. L. WATSON proposed the name of Mr. Percy Cox.

Mr. HOCKEY seconded. The CHAIRMAN: This will necessitate a ballot. Perhaps Mr. Adamson and Mr. Sutherland will act as scrutineers.

The result of the ballot was that the members whose names appeared on the ballot form were selected en bloc.

NEW MEMBER.

On the proposition of the CHAIRMAN, seconded by the Hon. Mr. E. V. D. PARR, the election of the following new members was confirmed:—Messrs. Andersen Meyer & Co., T. E. Griffith, Ltd., Ip Tak & Co., the Indo-China S.N. Co., Ltd., the Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd., the Pacific Mail Steamship Co., Mr. G. W. C. Burnett and Mr. D. A. Parvaz.

THE NEW CHAIRMAN.

At a subsequent meeting of the newly-appointed Committee, the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang was elected Chairman of the Chamber for the ensuing year, and Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, Vice-Chairman.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

ANNUAL INSPECTION.

THE G.O.C. ON THE NEED OF VOLUNTEER FORCES.

A large number of spectators witnessed the annual inspection of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps by the General Officer Commanding (H.E. Major-General Sir John Fowler, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.) yesterday afternoon on the Murray Parade ground.

The turnout of volunteers was surprisingly small and out of a total of 281 (officers and men) not including 44 on leave, only 141 other ranks were present on parade. In other words the unit was only at half-strength. This must have been disappointing to the G.O.C. as well as to the members present. Nevertheless those who did turn-out looked smart and well-drilled.

At the time appointed for the inspection the Force marched out to the ground in Company formation, headed by their band of pipers, with Lieut.-Col. L. G. Bird leading the first Company. The men were brought up on the parade ground, facing Garden Road, with the Mounted Section forming a right-angle on the right flank.

There were present on parade:— Battalion Headquarters.—Lieut. Colonel L. G. Bird, Major R. B. Young, and 14 other ranks.

Artillery Company.—Lieut. J. S. McCann and 10 other ranks.

Engineers.—2 Lieut. R. M. Smith, M.B.E., and 18 other ranks.

Machine Gun Corps.—Capt. Murdoch and 12 other ranks.

Mounted Infantry.—Capt. Murdoch and 17 other ranks.

Light Infantry.—2 Lieut. T. P. M. Bevan, M.C., and 8 other ranks.

Infantry.—Lieut. F. C. Hall and 13 other ranks.

Scottish Company.—Lieut. T. W. Hill, M.C., and 29 other ranks.

Reserve.—Lieut. G. M. Dodwell and 17 other ranks.

Cadets.—Lieut. A. J. Weyman (Acting Adjutant) and 2 other ranks.

A few minutes later the General Officer Commanding arrived by motor-car, accompanied by Lieut.-Colonel W. N. Nicholson, C.M.G., D.S.O. The Companies were brought smartly to attention and the General, after taking the salute, inspected the various sections, paying particular attention to the Mounted Section, the Scottish Company and to the band.

At the conclusion of the inspection the Force was brought together in open-square formation and Maj.-Gen. Fowler in addressing the men said that he thought the turnout of the volunteers, when they formed the Guard of Honour to the Prince of Wales, was extremely good. His Royal Highness, he knew, was very pleased to see that there was a local Volunteer Defence Force here. The object of this inspection parade was to see the general turnout and appearance of the men and their steadiness on parade. He had much pleasure in telling them that he thought both were good. He need hardly say that in a place like Hongkong, a large colony, he thought that the number in the local Defence Force should be much greater than at present. This Force, he wanted them to remember, was essentially one for real service. It was not by any means a show force, or simply a force got up to amuse anybody, but it was intended for real serious work when called upon. He was quite sure that the work done by the Volunteer Force during the recent troublesome times was fully appreciated by a large number of people.

Continuing, the General said that he thought great credit was due to the local Defence Force and it was up to them to get a large number of other people to join up and take a hand. He did not think in these times anyone could say that there was no chance of any further trouble, for all over the world, there were always riots and disturbances of some sort or other going on. It behooved them out here to make themselves ready to meet such trouble if necessary.

As to training he was entirely in favour of training men in small units, such as sections and platoons. He appealed to the men to work together and to get to know their N.C.O. and officers. As far as Military Headquarters were concerned, of course, they had nothing to do with the Corps, except to try and help the training and make it as efficient as they possibly could. They could rest assured that they would always continue to do so.

This concluded the inspection and the Force marched past the General at the Saluting post on their way back to Volunteer Headquarters.

A MACAO SENSATION.

CIVIL SERVANT'S WIFE KILLED BY A ROBBER.

The Portuguese community of Macao was shocked on Wednesday morning by the news that Mrs. Porfiro, wife of an assistant engineer in the Public Works Department, had been murderously attacked by a robber in her own house. Mrs. Porfiro was alone in the house at the time, her husband having just left for his office. It appears that the robber surreptitiously entered the bedroom while she was kneeling in prayer, and creeping up behind, he savagely strangled her with a knife in the neck. Mrs. Porfiro appears to have confronted her assailant who then struck her on the face and body with the knife and the fell unconscious. Servants in the house next door heard a noise which aroused suspicion, but before the neighbours entered the house the robber had fled and he is said to have robbed a safe in the house of a quantity of jewellery and a considerable sum of money.

The unfortunate lady was removed to hospital with all expedition, but succumbed in the course of the day to the injuries she had received.

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UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-NINTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at its Head Office, Nos. 3 and 4, Queen's Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 12th May, 1922, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1921, and of declaring Dividends, etc. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from April 29th to May 12th, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 21st April, 1922. [893]

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Society will be held at the Head Office of the Society, Nos. 3 and 4, Queen's Buildings, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the TWELFTH DAY of May, 1922, at 12.30 p.m., for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, approving the draft new Articles of Association of the Society which will be submitted to the Meeting.

A print of such new Articles and a print of the existing Articles may be seen at the Society's Registered Office at Nos. 3 and 4, Queen's Buildings aforesaid. Should the Meeting approve of such new Articles with or without modification, the subject Resolution will be proposed as an Extraordinary Resolution, namely:—

"That the new Articles already approved by the Meeting and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof, be and the same are hereby adopted as the Articles of the Society to the exclusion of and in substitution for all the existing Articles thereof."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a SECOND EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Society will be held at the Head Office of the Society, Nos. 3 and 4, Queen's Buildings aforesaid, on FRIDAY, the TWELFTH DAY of May, 1922, at 12.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Proceedings at the above mentioned Meeting and of confirming, if thought fit, as a Special Resolution, the above mentioned Resolution.

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BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Nos. 3 and 4, Queen's Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 12th May, 1922, at 12.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1921, and of declaring Dividends, etc. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from April 29th to May 12th, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
General Manager.
Hongkong, April 21st, 1922. [895]

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Queen's Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 12th May, 1922, at 12.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1921, and of declaring Dividends, etc. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from April 29th to May 12th, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 21st April, 1922. [897]

PUBLIC AUCTION

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on TUESDAY, the 24th April, 1922, at 3 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street, THE VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY, situated at Mong-Kok-Tsu, Kowloon, and known as Kowloon Inland Lot 1261 with Building thereon.

The Property consists of: All that piece or parcel of ground situate at Mong-Kok-Tsu, Kowloon, and registered in the Land Office as Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1261 together with the messuages or tenements and other erections and buildings thereon, known as Nos. 16, 17 and 18, Argyle Street, Kowloon. The said property is bounded on the North side thereof on Fife Street and measuring thereon 140' 3" or thereabouts, on the South side on Argyle Street and measuring 146' 3" or thereabouts, on the East side on Coronation Road and measuring 275' 0" or thereabouts and on the West side on Portland Street and measuring 275' 0" or thereabouts. Area 40,290 square feet. Annual Crown Rent \$196.

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"That the new Articles already approved by the Meeting and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof, be and the same are hereby adopted as the Articles of the Company to the exclusion of and in substitution for all the existing Articles thereof."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a SECOND EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Head Office of the Company, Queen's Buildings aforesaid, on FRIDAY, the NINTH DAY of June, 1922, at 12.15 p.m., for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Proceedings at the above mentioned Meeting and of confirming, if thought fit, as a Special Resolution, the above mentioned Resolution.

Dated this 21st day of April, 1922.
By Order of the Board,
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
General Manager.

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

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Dated this 21st day of April, 1922.
By Order of the Board,
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
General Manager.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE Second Gynkhana is fixed for SATURDAY, May 6th, 1922. Draft Programmes and Entry Forms may be obtained at Race Course, Hongkong Club, and Causeway Bay Stables. Entries close TUESDAY, April 25th. [888]

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All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 24th April, at 10 a.m. All claims must reach us before the 27th April or they will not be recognized.

No fire insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by MANNES & BACHHOUS, LTD., Agents.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

VERNON & SMYTH.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the business heretofore carried on by FRANK SMYTH as a Sharebroker under the style of VERNON & SMYTH has been taken over by ROBERT THOMAS MATHESON as from the 1st day of April, 1922, and that as from the 1st day of April, 1922, the said Frank Smyth ceased to be liable in any way in respect of the said business and that all liabilities of whatsoever nature incurred by the said Firm of Vernon & Smyth on and from the 1st day of April, 1922 have been and will be incurred by the said Robert Thomas Matheson solely.

Dated the 20th day of April, 1922.
FRANK SMYTH,
ROBERT THOMAS MATHESON. [891]

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

WE beg to announce the REMOVAL of our Office to No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL on the 18th April, 1922. THE BANK OF CANTON, LTD. Hongkong, 17th April, 1922. [866]

NOTICE.

MAY HALL ANNUAL DINNER on SATURDAY, the 29th April, 8 p.m. Old residents intending to join, please notify the undersigned. G. GEED WONG. [876]

THE ASSOCIATION OF EXPORTERS & DEALERS OF HONGKONG.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Members of the ASSOCIATION OF EXPORTERS & DEALERS OF HONGKONG will be held on FRIDAY, April 21st, 1922, at 4 p.m. precisely, in the OLD CHAMBER ROOM, CITY HALL, for the following purposes:

1. To receive the Report and Accounts of the Committee for the year ended 31st December, 1921.
2. To elect a New Committee.
3. To transact any general business.

By Order,
D. K. BLAIR, Secretary. [793]

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Offices, St. George's Building, on SATURDAY, 22nd April, 1922, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 28th February 1922, and electing Directors and Auditor. The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 22nd April, 1922, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD. Agents.
Hongkong, 5th April, 1922. [784]

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

THE TWENTY-FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, No. 6, Connaught Road, on WEDNESDAY, the 26th April, 1922, at 11.15 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ended 31st December, 1921 and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 20th April, 1922 until WEDNESDAY, the 26th April, 1922, both days inclusive.
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.
Hongkong, 18th April, 1922. [870]

CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

THE FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Constitutional Reform Association of Hongkong will be held in the old Chamber of Commerce Room, City Hall, on TUESDAY, 26th day of April, 1922, at 5.15 p.m., for the following purposes:

- (1). To receive the Report of the Committee and Statement of Accounts to 31st December 1921.
- (2). To elect the Officers and Committee for the ensuing year.
- (3). To transact any other business.

By Order of the Committee,
R. STOECK, Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, April 12th, 1922. [838]

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

Action No. of 1922.

IN THE GOODS of LEUNG KUN alias LEUNG PING KUN alias LEUNG YUET WA late of No. 26, Praya East Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong Lime Manufacturer deceased.

Between LAM LEUNG SHI alias LEUNG CHI NGOI Plaintiff and LEUNG WA HANG and LEUNG LUNG WA Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 11th day of April, 1922, Mr. JOHN HENNESSEY SETH of Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong Accountant was appointed administrator pendente lite of the estate and effects of LEUNG KUN alias LEUNG PING KUN alias LEUNG YUET WA late of No. 26, Praya East, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, Lime Manufacturer deceased, the owner of the said firm, and that no person except the said JOHN HENNESSEY SETH or persons authorised by him is empowered to sell or otherwise to deal with any part of the assets of the said deceased or the said firm including the lime made in the said factory in Ping Chan.

Dated this 12th day of April, 1922.
GEO. K. HALL BRUTTON & CO., Solicitors for the Plaintiff. [840]

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HONGKONG, APRIL 21st, 1922.

THE TREND OF EVENTS IN CHINA.

THE "change of plans" in connection with the military expedition against the North, for which Dr. SUN YAT SEN has been preparing for many months past, rather wears the aspect of an abandonment of the enterprise. For some weeks past the Northern Chinese newspapers have been devoting much space to reports of negotiations between various leaders of the North and South with a view to discovering a basis of agreement for the reunification of the country. We know that Dr. C. C. WU, representing the Canton Government, has been to Mukden for a conference with CHANG TSO-LIN, whose military position gives him rank as the most powerful man in China to-day.

Since his return to Canton, Dr. WU has been to Kweilin to report to Dr. SUN YAT SEN, and now an announcement is made that Dr. SUN, Commander-in-Chief of projected Expeditionary Army against the North, is withdrawing his headquarters from Kweilin back to Shui-wan, and that Dr. SUN himself has returned to Wuchow. It is even reported that he is coming down to Canton. From a military point of view it does not "facilitate an advance into Hunan" to withdraw headquarters from Kweilin back to Shui-wan, and the explanation of the change of plans, we imagine, is more likely to be found in the efforts to arrange a compromise which will avert an outbreak of hostilities.

We have seen it stated on what purports to be "reliable authority" in Peking that CHANG TSO-LIN, together with other leaders of Northern and Southern factions, have concluded that any attempt to bring about unity and end civil strife in the country can only be brought about through parliamentary methods. That is a notable statement, if true. The Peking Correspondent of the Tientsin Times has learnt that with this as a basic idea, they are maturing a plan whereby the newly elected Members of Parliament, at present idling in Peking, and the Members of the Parliament which was dissolved by President LI YUAN-HUNG a few days prior to the restoration of the Young Emperor to the Dragon throne by CHANG HSUN, shall meet at some selected place in common conclave, the Northern Government

guaranteeing the safety and personal liberties of all the Parliamentarians who have made Canton their headquarters since the dissolution of Parliament by former President LI. If this project matures it is proposed that this joint session of Parliamentarians, old and new, shall appoint a committee for the drafting of election laws and another committee for the completion and revision of the national constitution, the foundation of which was laid by previous Parliamentary authority. When these measures have been carried out, the election of a Parliament will take place and its first duty will be to ratify, in substance, the draft of the national constitution, as suggested or recommended by the committee referred to.

It is sincerely to be hoped that such a stage has been really reached in the controversies which have divided the country during the past few years. It has long been clear to most observers that some such plan as that above outlined affords the only lines on which peace and harmony and stable government in China can be restored. Probably many of the political and military leaders have never perceived that more clearly than they do to-day, with some experience behind them of the financial chaos in which the controversies have involved the country. Not the least important part of the scheme of compromise which has been propounded concerns arrangements for placing the finances of the provincial and central administrations on a sound basis. The controversies of the past few years have reduced the Central Government at Peking to such a degree of financial impotence that it has been unable to regularly pay its troops or the salaries of its civil servants or even the wages of the janitors of its many offices. Revenues which should have been remitted to Peking have been retained and spent by military and civil governors on the plea that the funds were needed to meet necessary local expenditure, but the bulk of the money has gone, of course, on the maintenance of military forces far in excess of actual needs. Changes in this connection are imperatively necessary and it appears that if this Congress of all parties in the State comes to pass, an effort will be made to obtain a general agreement to fix, after due investigation, the annual cost of the administration in each province, so that the Central Government may know what proportion of the total revenue of each province they can count upon. The form of the proposal may need to be changed, but no Government can last long which is not assured of the financial support which this proposal is intended to secure for the new administration that these discussions contemplate.

The next Gynkhana is announced for Saturday, May 6th.

An unknown Chinese, aged 40 years, was found unconscious on the Kowloon City-Yaumat Road late on Wednesday night.

Mr. C. D. Melbourne and Lieut. Commander Hake, R.N. (Assistant Harbour Master), were among the passengers who left by the *Anchises* yesterday.

Twenty engineers have left Germany for Japan where they will be engaged in the erection of a large factory for the manufacture of electrical machinery.

At a meeting of those interested in amateur theatricals in Peking, held under the chairmanship of Sir Francis Aglen, it was resolved to form an amateur dramatic club. Already 75 members have been secured.

It is reported in a Northern paper that on account of the anti-Christian movement in Hunan a lecturer from New York, who had gone to Changsha with the object of delivering a number of addresses, had to cancel all his engagements.

Whilst walking in Queen's Road East, near the Naval Yard, on Wednesday, a Chinese was rendered unconscious by a flower-pot which fell from a verandah. The man was removed to Government Civil Hospital in a critical condition.

The sharebroking business hitherto carried on by Mr. Frank Smyth, under the style of Vernon & Smyth, has been taken over by Mr. R. M. Matheson, late of Canton. An official announcement appears among to-day's advertisements.

We learn that traffic on the Tientsin-Pukow railway was suspended yesterday. Whether this is due to any development in the politico-military situation in the Yangtze Valley, where hostilities have seemed to be impending for some time is not stated in the brief cable received.

"For Better, For Worse" a magnificent production by Cecil B. De Mille, is appearing on the screen of the World Theatre to-day the 21st inst., in which the famous stars Elliot Dexter and Gloria Swanson take the leading roles. De Mille has given a touch in "this drama, on vanity, jealousy, love and hate, that keeps the audience spell bound."

A "Communion Tax" is suggested by the Commissioner of Finance at Canton. A conference of representatives of the railway administrations and shipping companies who will be affected has been called for to-morrow to consider the proposed regulations which will afterwards be submitted by the Treasury for the approval of the Government.

Members of the Queen's College Old Boys' Association are reminded of the second annual reunion which takes place this evening at 8 p.m. in the College Hall; (3) the annual cricket match commencing at 9 p.m. this afternoon on the Chinese Recreation Club ground at Causeway Bay, where families and friends of members will be welcomed and tea will be served.—ADVT.

At the Marine Court, yesterday, before Commander Beckwith, a fisherman was fined \$23, with the alternative of one month's imprisonment, for throwing articles into the harbour in order to prevent seizure. The defendant was caught by Sergeant Waller, who chased him from Holt's Wharf to Wanchai junk anchorage. A quantity of coal was afterwards found on board. The fisherman's excuse was that his little boy was playing with some coal and pushed a portion of it overboard by accident.

One of the latest additions to the business community of the Colony, is the firm of Messrs. Hawthorne & Pearson who have opened premises for Ladies' and Gentlemen's Tailoring at a Union Building (first floor) opposite G.P.O., Hongkong. Both partners in this new tailoring firm bring with them to Hongkong, a long knowledge of the cutting, fitting and tailoring of ladies' and men's wear. Mr. J. T. Pearson was for 25 years with Pearson & Son, Savile Road, London, W. They cordially invite the public to visit their premises.

Among the large number of residents who left the Colony yesterday was Mr. H. B. Bridger, who has been an engineer in the service of the Hongkong Electric Co. for the past thirty years, being for a good many years the engineer-in-charge of the installation department. Mr. Bridger is now retiring on a pension. "Outside" his professional duties Mr. Bridger has been a prominent figure in Freemasonry and at the time of leaving the Colony was acting Grand Master of Scottish Freemasonry for the Hongkong and South China district. He had been a member of St. John's Lodge for thirty years. Mr. Bridger took with him some tangible expressions of the esteem in which he was held by both the European and Chinese Staffs of the Electric Company, as well as by his fellow members of the Engineers and Shipbuilders' Institute.

At Union Church, yesterday, Mr. Kenneth Kingsley Staple, of the Public Works Department, was married to Miss May Jack Miller, eldest daughter of the late Mr. William C. Jack and Mrs. William C. Jack, of Kowloon. The Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald performed the ceremony and Mr. E. J. Chapman presided at the organ. Captain F. Wheeler, gave away the bride who was attended by her sister, Miss Jessie Jack as bridesmaid. Mr. J. B. Spiers was groomsmen. The bride's dress was of grey and silver over white satin, and she wore a white picture hat with plume and carried a bouquet of Easter lilies. The bridesmaid was attired in a pretty dress of white organdy and lace over turquoise blue with a turquoise blue and lace hat. Her bouquet was of carnations and maiden hair fern. The bride's mother's dress was white Canton crepe embroidered in mauve with mauve, toque and violets. The honeymoon is being spent at Raiphong.

DEPARTURE OF LADY STUBBS.

Many leading residents assembled at Murray Pier, yesterday morning, to bid farewell to Lady Stubbs on her departure on holiday to England. H.E. the Governor (Sir Reginald Stubbs) accompanied Lady Stubbs to the launch *Victoria* when her ladyship left the pier. Amongst those present were noticed H.E. the General Officer Commanding Major-General (Sir John Fowler) and Lady Fowler, Sir William and Lady Rees-Davies, Lady Brunyate, Commodore Bowden-Smith and Mrs. Bowden-Smith, Bishop Pozzoni, the Colonial Secretary (Mr. Robert Severn) and Mrs. Severn, Sir Robert Ho Tung, the Attorney-General (the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp), the Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Farr, the Consul-General for the United States (Mr. W. H. Gale), Colonel C. W. Davy, the Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving, Mrs. Irving and the Misses Irving, Mrs. Lafrenzy, Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, Mr. Pensohnby, Fane, Mr. and Mrs. A. Dyer Ball, Capt. Fisher, Mr. Eric Rice and Capt. Neville. A few minutes before the arrival of H.E. the Governor and Lady Stubbs at the wharf Mr. Justice Gompertz and Mrs. Gompertz left for the *Anchises*, the accompaniment of much crackling firing.

THE PRAYA TRAGEDY.

CAPITAL SENTENCE RESPITED.

PENDING APPEAL.

H.E. the Governor has respited the execution of sentence upon Leung Wo, in connection with the shooting tragedy on the Praya during the seamen's strike. The sentence has been respited, in the first place, for three months, to enable an application to be made to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. Should leave of appeal be given, further respites will be granted until His Majesty's pleasure is known.

CABLES.LATEST CABLES.
[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**THE EXCHANGE QUESTION.
OPINIONS DIVIDED AT GENOA.**

GENOA, April 19th.
The Currency Sub-Commission presided over by Sir Robert Horne, has decided to recommend the convening of a Congress of the Central Banks, under the aegis of the Bank of England, to devise measures to standardise rates of exchange, and to deal with other currency problems.

Another Sub-Committee has resolved to recommend the complete freedom of exchange.

COTTON GROWING EXPERIMENTS IN QUEENSLAND.**SCHEME FOR SETTLING COTTON GROWERS.**

BRISBANE, April 20th.
The Queensland Government announces a scheme for settling 1,500 Cotton-growers in Central Queensland, where there are nearly 500,000 acres of suitable land available.

[Experimental Stations have been established by the Queensland Government for the past two years, with a view to ascertaining the suitability of this land for cotton culture. After exhaustive tests, experts are of opinion that the land is second to none for this purpose. The scheme was originally undertaken in connection with the repatriation of returned soldiers.—E.P.]

BRITISH ENGINEERING AMALGAMATION.**FIVE COMPANIES COMBINE.**

LONDON, April 19th.
A new company, representing a working agreement between five of the biggest British engineering companies has been launched under the name of the British Power and Traction Finance Company, for the purpose of securing engineering contracts abroad, by combining experience and resources.

The directors comprise representatives of the Cammell Lairds, Arrol Co., the Prudential Assurance Co., the English Electric Co., the North-British Locomotive Co. and the John Brown Company.

INDIAN POLITICS.**FAILURE OF AGITATIONS.**

SIMLA, April 19th.
A temporary lull has occurred in the political situation, there was only a poor response to the country-wide march advertised National Week, both as regards the Harbals and collections.

It is believed that the Non-Co-operators are seriously short of funds, and the reasons for the lull include a good harvest, the impossibility of sustaining popular excitement—the internment of leaders, internal dissensions due to Gandhi's removal, and the failure to achieve tangible results, particularly in regard to the frequently promised Swaraj.

CANCER RESEARCH.**LORD ATHOLSTAN'S DONATION.**

LONDON, April 18th.
The offer of £100,000 made by Lord Atholstan for cancer research, mentioned on February 3rd, goes to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund in London.

[A cable message dated February 3rd, from Montreal, stated that Lord Atholstan had donated \$100,000 towards cancer research. Following suggestions from England, Lord Atholstan cabled the Earl of Atholne donating a further \$100,000 to cancer research in England.]

FIELD MARSHAL JOFFRE AT WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, April 19th.
Field-Marshal Joffre who is proceeding home from the Far East was presented to President Harding by M. Jusserand, the French Minister.

SEMENOFF RELEASED.**HOSTILE DEMONSTRATION BY CROWD.**

NEW YORK, April 18th.
General Semenov has been released under bail of \$25,000 furnished by his friends.

The Police Reserves had to be called out to prevent disorders among a hostile East-Side crowd outside the prison.

INTERNATIONAL OIL COMPANIES.**PRICE AGREEMENT REACHED.**

LONDON, April 19th.

In connection with the Stock Exchange report that the Shell Transport and the Anglo-Persian Oil Companies have concluded a working agreement for marketing products in Britain during the next five years, the Financial Editor of the Times says: It is generally believed that the understanding reached, whereby either concern will supply the other with oil, has also agreed on the price in the event of a shortage. This is important, as indicating that no rate-cutting war is contemplated by either side.

FIVE DUTCH BANKS FAIL.**RESULT OF DEPRECIATION OF THE MARK.**

LONDON, April 19th.

As a result of the trade depression, and especially of the fall in the German Mark, five minor Dutch Banks have recently closed their doors, whereof Marx and Company of Rotterdam are the most important. The paid-up capital is 12,000,000 Florins, current accounts and deposits amount to 40,000,000 Florins.

The Banks will be wound up by two larger Dutch Banks which have guaranteed a settlement of the creditors' claims.

INTERNATIONAL LACROSSE.

ITHACA, April 19th.

The Oxford-Cambridge Lacrosse Team defeated the Cornell University by 5 goals to 2.

FRENCH DUTY ON RUBBER.**PROTEST FROM MANUFACTURERS.**

PARIS, April 19th.

The Association of French Rubber Manufacturers have addressed a protest to the Minister of Commerce against the proposed Customs Duty of Two Francs per Kilogramme on rubber imported from countries other than French Colonies.

COTTON INDUSTRY SETTLEMENT.

LONDON, April 19th.

The basis of the agreement in the cotton industry dispute, mentioned yesterday, is a reduction of 3s. 10d. in the £.

A BRIGHTER OUTLOOK.

LATER.

Another move towards peace in the Cotton Industry was made at Manchester yesterday. A negotiating committee representing ten unions, which a week ago broke with the employers over the proposed wages cut, has decided to resume negotiations with the employers to-morrow.

TRANS-ATLANTIC AERIAL FLIGHT.**PORTUGUESE SEAPLANE DAMAGED.**

RIO DE JANEIRO, April 19th.

The Portuguese seaplane flying from Lisbon to Rio de Janeiro was irreparably damaged whilst landing at sea. The pilots are safe.

TEYING TO SECURE NEW MACHINE.

LATER.

The Portuguese airmen are endeavouring to secure a new machine in which to complete their trans-Atlantic flight.

POLISH LEADER ASSASSINATED.**EXPERT ADVISER TO THE ALLIES.**

PARIS, April 19th.

A message from Oppeln says the prominent Polish leader, M. Styczinski, expert adviser to the Allies in Sillesia, has been assassinated at Gleiwitz. He had recently received threatening letters from a German secret society. The assassin escaped. Martial law has been proclaimed at Gleiwitz.

FAMOUS SURGEON'S DEATH.

LONDON, April 19th.

The death is announced of Sir Alfred Pearce Gould, K.C.V.O., the famous surgeon.

[The deceased, who was Lieut.-Colonel, R.A.M.C. (T.F.), was officer in command of the 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth; late Vice-Chancellor of the University of London; President of the Clinical Section of the Royal Society of Medicine, of the Medical Society of London and of the Röntgen Society.]

HOME RACING.**CITY AND SUBURBAN RESULTS.**

LONDON, April 19th.

The race for the City and Suburban Cup resulted: Paragon (5-1), Monarch (100-14), 2; Grapely (5-3), 3. Ten ran. Won by three-quarters of a length, with the third the same distance behind the second.

THE RUSSO-GERMAN TREATY.**WILL IT BE TORN UP?**

PARIS, April 19th.

A semi-official message anticipates a speedy closing of the whole incident in consequence of a meeting between Mr. Lloyd George and Dr. Wirth, at which the Premier is understood to have intimated that the interdiction of Germany would only be removable if the offending treaty were torn up. Dr. Wirth seemed amenable to this alternative, to which France also is agreeable. The correspondent states that the Germans are now seeking a formula for renouncing the treaty, although Dr. Rathenau is somewhat hostile thereto.

The prompt repudiation in Paris is revealed by M. Tardieu writing M. Poincaré promising to lodge an interpellation, when the Chamber reassembles, amounting to a vote of censure upon M. Poincaré, unless France withdraws from the conference in conformity with M. Poincaré's promise to the Chamber on the 1st inst. that France will resume liberty of action if the peace treaties were brought up at Genoa.

M. BARTHOU'S VIEWS.

GENOA, April 19th.

M. Barthou has sent a message to the British Press stating that he in no way regrets the recent development; on the contrary, he is of opinion that the solidarity of the Allies and the Little Entente and Poland has been thereby demonstrated. This Continental framework henceforth constitutes the best guarantee that in future it will work for the success of the Genoa conference.

FRENCH STIPULATION RESPECTING AGREEMENTS WITH RUSSIA.

PARIS, April 20th.

M. Poincaré has given instructions for the Russo-German treaty to be brought before the Reparations Commission, as its terms threaten to deprive the reparations fund of a portion of the resources to which it is entitled under the Versailles Treaty, and has also requested the French Government to support the French delegates in bringing the treaty before the conference of Ambassadors with a view to any general infringements of the Versailles Treaty.

M. Poincaré has instructed M. Barthou to cease to co-operate regarding Russian Affairs if the Russians insist upon inserting in the agreement with the Allies clauses similar to those included in the treaty with Germany, which is considered to violate the Cannes conditions.

THE ALLEGED PREVIOUS INFORMATION TO BRITAIN.

It is reported from Genoa that Dr.

Rathenau, questioned by Mr. Lloyd George regarding the assertion that the British delegation and officials were informed beforehand with respect to the Russo-German treaty, explained that he said something rather vague to one British expert, but acknowledged that he did not officially ask him to communicate the statement to the British Government. Mr. Lloyd George consequently was totally unaware of the German action.

SOVIET DELEGATES DEMAND VOTE OF PLENARY CONFERENCE.

GENOA, April 19th.

The Russian delegates announce that they will demand a plenary conference vote upon the Russo-German treaty situation.

GERMANY'S EXCUSE.

LONDON, April 19th.

According to a telegram from Genoa, Dr. Rathenau declared that Germany signed the treaty with Russia in self-defence after learning on Friday that five Powers were about to conclude an agreement with Russia on the basis of the London export memorandum.

INTERNATIONAL OPIUM COMMISSION.

GENOA, April 19th.

The Opium Commission has decided to ask the Council of the League of Nations to urge all members to adhere to the Hague Convention. The Indian delegate emphasised the importance of obtaining the unreserved adhesion of Persia and Turkey as these are the two principal opium producing countries.

PRINCE'S INABILITY TO VISIT PEKING.**REPLY TO MINISTER'S GREETING.**

In anticipation of the arrival of the

Prince of Wales at Hongkong, the British Minister, Sir Beilby Alston despatched the following message of greeting on April 2nd:—

Prince of Wales, Government House,

Hongkong.

"On behalf of self, staff, and British community, I have the honour to send dutiful greeting and to express our great regret that Your Royal Highness is unable to visit Peking."

A reply was received which reads as follows:—

"My very best thanks to you, Legation staff and British community in Peking for your telegram and good wishes which I greatly appreciated. I need not say how deeply I regret that it has been found to be possible for me to pay you a visit at Peking."

(Signed) EDWARD P.

THE BARBERS' DISPUTE.**INTIMIDATORS HEAVILY FINED.**

The hearing of the case, in which three barbers were charged with threatening to do an illegal act against a master barber at Yumait, was concluded at the Magistrate's yesterday morning.

It will be remembered that the case arose out of the recent agreement between the master barbers and their employees. The defendants entered the complainant's shop after closing hours and found him still working, contrary to one of the clauses in the new agreement. The defendants and ten others, not arrested, assaulted the master and his foks. The complainant and one of the defendants were badly injured.

Mr. Vaux, who appeared for the defendants, told the Magistrate yesterday that he was now quite prepared to withdraw the contention that the complainant was legally bound to close his shop at 6 p.m. each day. He submitted, however, that the charge of intimidation was going a little too far. The wording of the Intimidation Ordinance did not appear to cover the present charge.

The Magistrate found that the first two defendants threatened to assault the complainant with a view to making him close his shop at six p.m. The complainant was legally entitled to keep his shop open after that hour. The first two defendants were fined \$100 each. The third defendant was convicted for disorderly conduct; he saw the complainant blowing his whistle at the shop door and went up to him and assaulted him. In this case a fine of \$25 was imposed.

THE SWATOW BANK ROBBERY.**FOUR SUSPECTS ARRESTED IN HONGKONG.**On the arrival of the s.s. *Amakusa Maru*

on Wednesday from Swatow, four burly Chinese were arrested on a charge of having been concerned in an armed robbery at the Hor Koo Bank at Swatow on the 17th inst. The robbers were believed to have embarked on a steamer for Hongkong with the spoil amounting to \$1,000 in silver and \$300 in subsidiary coin. The police searched all vessels arriving from Swatow on Wednesday and finally arrested the four men on suspicion on the above named steamer. A quantity of silver dollars was found in their possession as well as two automatic pistols, which were fully loaded.

The four men were produced at the Magistrate's yesterday, and Detective Sergeant Shannon asked Mr. Lindell for a formal remand, pending further police investigations. All four defendants, he said, spoke the Mandarin dialect.

A charge of being in possession of arms without the permission of the Captain Superintendent of Police is preferred against two of the defendants, whilst all four are charged with being in possession of property suspected of having been stolen outside the Colony.

A formal remand was granted. The

case is to come up for hearing on Saturday.

FISHING BOAT PIRATE.

A small Chinese fishing boat was attacked by pirates whilst fishing in Chinese waters near Sha Chow Island at 7 a.m. on the 18th inst. The master of the junk was wounded and is now an inmate of the Government Civil Hospital.

The junk was hailed by the pirates, who were on board a craft of 75 piculs capacity. They came alongside and asked if the master had any fish for sale. While the bargain was being negotiated two of the pirates jumped on board and one of them covered the master of the fishing boat with a revolver. Thinking discretion the better part of valor, the man dived overboard and was wounded in the back. He managed to reach Sha Chow Island in an exhausted condition. The pirates made off with the captured junk in the direction of Heungshan. The master's wife, aged 32, who was on board the junk was later released. Their daughter, aged six years and a foki aged 16 are still in the hands of the pirates.

THE TROUBLES IN HONGKONG.**A "TIMES" COMMENT.**

The Times of March 4th contains the

following leading article on the recent strike troubles in Hongkong:—

An important British colony, the great Far Eastern port of Hongkong, which has long been one of the chief channels for the dissemination of Western influences in China, is now seriously affected by the obscure reactions of modern movements that are now changing the whole face of Chinese politics. Some weeks ago a seamen's strike disturbed the rich traffic of the port of Hongkong, and, gradually extending and including within its scope, first the coal coolies, and then other indispensable workers, has now brought within its range even the house-boys and the workers who bring down provisions to the colony from up the river. Some of the Chinese population have tried to make their way into the interior across the leased territory of the Kowloon peninsula, and have been held up by military cordons on the frontier. The Seamen's Union, which started the strike, has been proclaimed; the more responsible Chinese elements have tried to exert a moderating influence; the Legislative Council has placed in the hands of the Governor, Sir Reginald Stubbs, and his Executive exceptional powers to deal with the emergency; the small non-Chinese population of Victoria, the neighbouring islands, and Kowloon, consisting mainly of British and Portuguese, have placed themselves at the disposal of the Executive in order to maintain order and ensure the essential services. In spite of all these precautions the situation remains grave and not easily explicable. Hongkong, the billy island with its dependencies, is one of the centres where British civilizing influence in the Far East has appeared at its best. It was a refuge for bewildered Chinese during the storms of the revolution, and its excellent University has been a means of imparting Western education in close and fruitful association with Chinese surroundings. The little English colony has contributed enormously to the prosperity of China, and the port that has been the centre of a trade whose value amounts to about fifty million pounds a year has stimulated the development of trade and industry throughout Southern China. Now all this great work is at a standstill. The port is idle. The trade from up the Canton river is blocked. Steamers carrying cargo from Europe are compelled to discharge at Singapore or to deposit their freight in warehouses at Shanghai. A strange paralysis has overtaken Hongkong, and the British population, who are the authors of the port's prosperity, are stranded amid a population of about half-a-million actively or passively hostile Chinese. There are no people in the world who are more capable than the Chinese of what may be called a cohesive boycott. They learned the lessons of organization for this purpose from the reiterated experiences of boycott against Japanese trade, and it may well be that advantage has been taken of these experiences in the present occasion. It seems, however, incredible that the root of the trouble is purely national and anti-European. A large number of Chinese have closely identified their interests with those of Europeans in the upbuilding of Hongkong, and not a few of them appreciate the benefits of British rule in the colony, more particularly when they compare it with the disturbed condition of inland China. For all that, the coexistence of the majority of the Chinese population with the interior remains very close, and if it be remembered that Chinese, driven by some restless impulse far from their country to Polynesia, to America, or even to Europe, still retain some compelling veneration for national traditions, and are still subject to the dictates of some obscure organizations at home, it will be comprehensible that the population of the Hongkong colony may easily be moved by disturbances in the interior.

The nature of the disturbances in the interior is not easy to fathom. There are hints that a large proportion of the workers in Hongkong are intimidated by threats of reprisals to their relatives up the river. Canton is the centre of disturbance. Canton is the headquarters of the so-called Southern Chinese Government, under Sun Yat-sen, and this Government, as contrasted with the Peking Government, has throughout been distinguished by extreme democratic tendencies. In addition to the Kwangtung province, the Canton Government has lately secured control of the province of Kwangsi. There is a further complication in the fact that while Sun Yat-sen has lately been suspected of surreptitious negotiations with the Northern leaders who control Peking, his Commander-in-Chief, Chen Chi-ming, who is the real power in Canton, has been parlaying with Wu Pei-fu, the great Warlord of Southern China, who is opposed to the reactionary Northern leaders. While all these manoeuvres are being enacted in Canton, where a permanence in loud modern outcries has developed into a crude ferment of extremist ideas, has apparently become the centre of a powerful Labour organization. The strike in Hongkong has been accompanied in Canton by a sympathetic strike, the watchword of which is Labour against Capital. What is happening in Hongkong must, then, be regarded as the reflection of a more general and somewhat sinister movement in the interior. It may be that the stubborn Chinese propaganda of the Rus-

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DOCKYARD-BUILT MERCHANTMEN.**COMPARISONS WITH PRIVATE YARDS.**

The March number of the "Marine Engineer and Naval Architect" contains

particulars of the oil tanker *Nassau* which has been under construction at Devonport Dockyard since March last for the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Company of London.

The *Nassau* is 417 feet in length, 53 feet 4 inches in beam, and has a gross tonnage of 5,680 tons. She is being built on the timber-wood system of framing, and is to have a deadweight capacity of about 8,400 tons, with a draught of 24 feet 7½ inches and a speed of 11 knots. The vessel is to be driven by a single set of triple expansion engines, developing about 2,500 i.h.p., steam being supplied by three boilers arranged to burn either coal or oil fuel.

A sister ship, the *Nobia*, is building at Portsmouth Dockyard under the same contract. It is expected that the *Nassau* will be delivered in May, or about fifteen months after the laying of the keel. The "Marine Engineer" thinks that as the vessel is urgently needed, this delivery cannot be considered at all satisfactory, and adds that if the dockyards intend to compete with private yards in the building of merchant tonnage they will certainly have to accelerate their rate of work, since most private builders would have no difficulty in completing a vessel like the *Nassau* in eight months.

Reference is then made to the remarks contained in the Geddes Report to the effect that the Royal Dockyards pay, on an average, £3 in wages for every £1 worth of material consumed in repair and construction work, whereas in private establishments the ratio is £1.10s. in wages for every £1 worth of material. Therefore says our contemporary, it will be very difficult for the dockyards to put in a reasonable contract price for any merchant work unless the shipowner is prepared to meet an outrageous bill for extras. "Apart from these questions," it adds, "one is inclined to think that these vessels constructed in H.M. dockyards will embody some good workmanship if it is on the standard of naval construction, and it will be rather interesting to watch the behaviour of the two ships."

DETAILS COMPARISONS.

With respect to the foregoing criticism on the length of time it has taken to build the *Nassau*, it must again be pointed out that conditions in the Royal dockyards are not the same as those in private establishments. In the case of the former, shipbuilding represents only a small part of the work to be done, and therefore only a certain proportion of the yard's resources in labour and material can be devoted thereto. We assume, moreover, that the order for the *Nassau* was placed on the understanding that the ship would take longer to build than if ordered from a private firm. If it were merely a question of constructing a vessel of any given type or dimensions in the shortest possible space of time, we are inclined to think that the Royal yards could put up quite as good a performance as the private establishments.

The fallacy of drawing rough comparisons between dockyard and private practice in the allocation of labour, material, and administrative resources was shown up in the Admiralty memorandum of the Geddes Report. It has been proved beyond question that repair work, which constitutes the bulk of dockyard work, can be executed more cheaply in the Royal yards than by contract. In dealing with current criticisms of the Royal dockyards, some allowances must be made for the prejudices that exist against State competition with private enterprise. At a time like the present, when orders for new vessels are painfully scarce, the shipbuilding community feels rather indignant at the spectacle of merchant vessels being built in private yards. Quite apart from the financial aspect of the question, political considerations will probably prevent further orders from receiving any further orders of this kind for some time to come.—*Naval and Military Record.*

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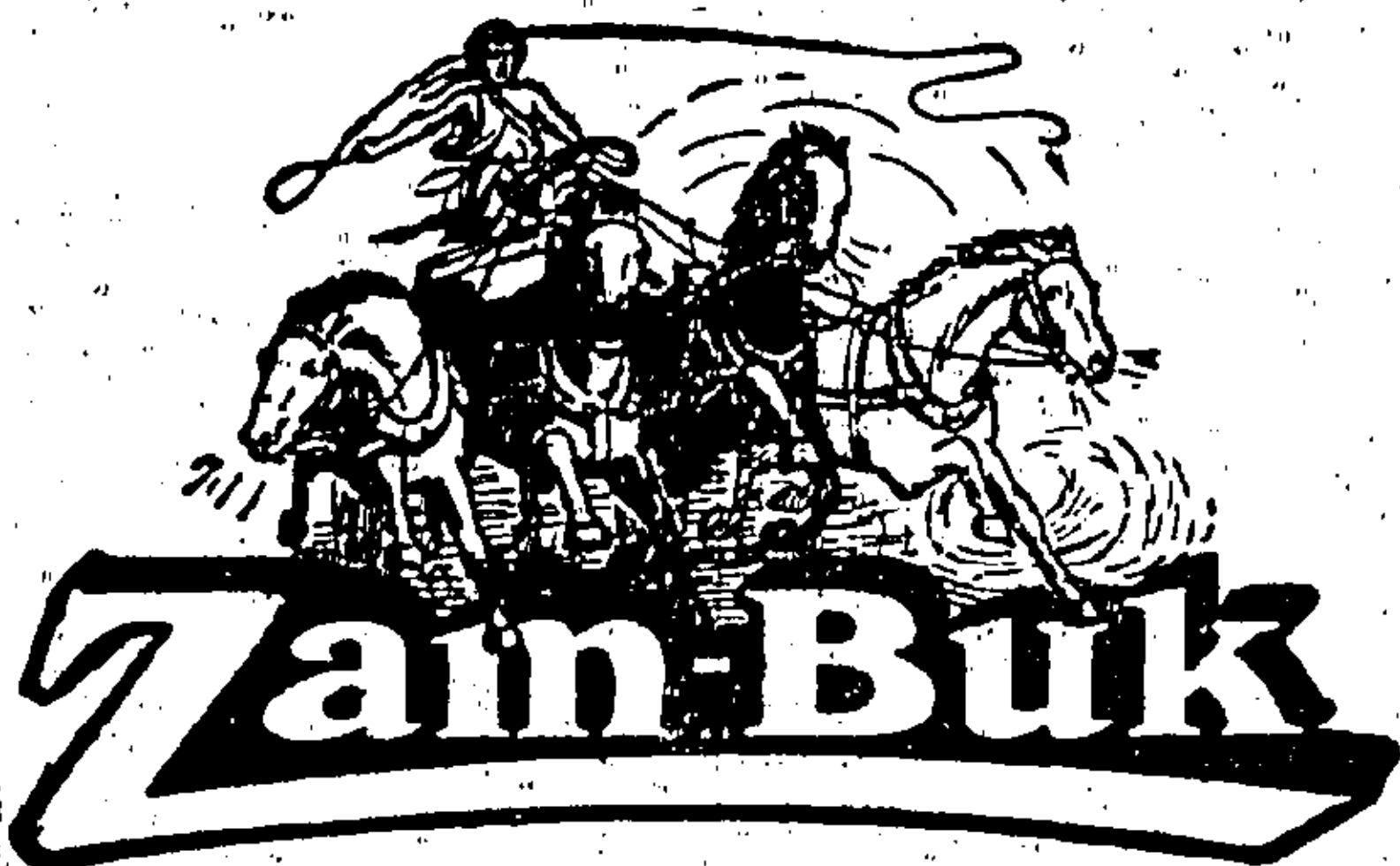
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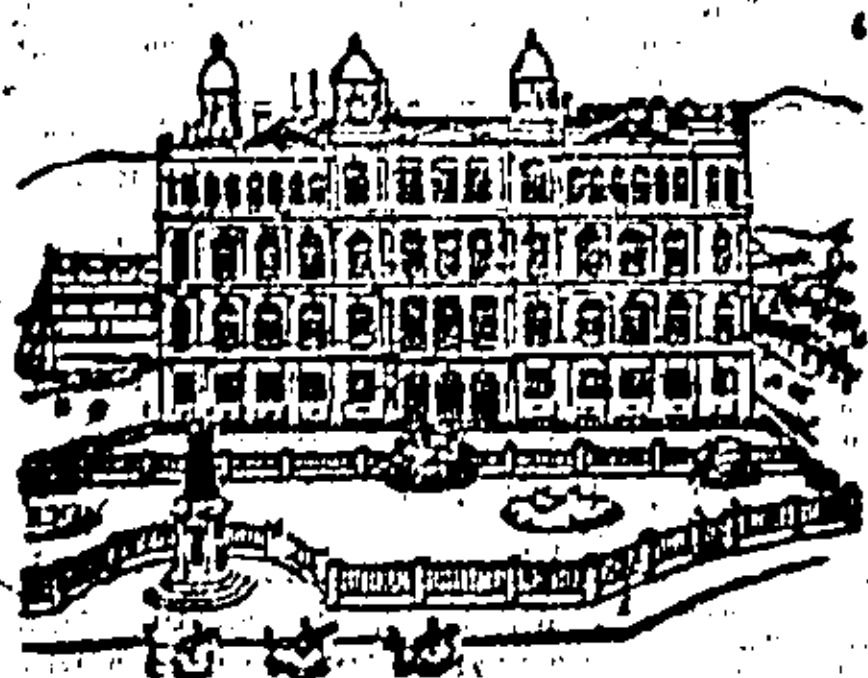
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MYSTERIOUS LONDON CRIME. OLD LADY MURDERED WHILE ASLEEP.

A message to the Indian papers dated March 14th, states:—

The Daily Mail declares that Scotland Yard is completely baffled by one of the most mysterious and startling crimes of modern times. Lady White, a sweet, silver-haired elderly lady, widow of Sir Edward White, a former Chairman of the London County Council, was found lying in her bed in a London hotel in the morning. She had been murderously attacked during sleep, and a ghastly wound inflicted on her head, while a large bruise was found on her left hand. A sharp heavy implement, probably a hatchet, had evidently been used. The doctors have declared that she is beyond human aid and death is only a matter of hours.

Robbery is apparently not the motive for her watch and some jewellery lay on the dressing table. The furniture was in its usual place and the bed clothes were undisturbed. Revenge is discounted because the old lady had no enemies. She had returned to her bed room, which was on the first floor, at the conclusion of a bridge party. She was then in good spirits.

She was discovered by her maid, who was pulling up the blinds in the room and who ran out screaming for assistance. A police cordon was drawn round the hotel which was minutely searched without result. The absence of motive is hampering investigations. It is supposed that the assailant hid in the coal cellar during the day and emerged at night. When he had committed the crime he evidently walked out by the front door, which was found unlatched. The porter neither saw nor heard anything.

A further message three days later states:—

The mystery of the murder of Lady White remains as profound as ever. A theory, already reported, was advanced only to be scrapped owing to the impossibility of discovering a motive.

A quartette of the most brilliant Scotland Yard detectives known as the Big Four are working day and night without the slightest result. The inquest opened to-day, but, at the police request, it was adjourned. A wealth of evidence was given, but none of it threw a single ray of light on the mystery. An opinion is gaining ground that Lady White was awakened and recognised the intruder, who, seeing he was known, decided to kill her. The flood of recent outrages has profoundly stirred the country to demand the carrying out of more adequate protections. In broad daylight, Earl's Court to-day was disturbed by robbers, who brutally attacked an octogenarian woman and left her bleeding and unconscious.

Later: The hotel pantry boy was charged to-day with the murder of Lady White.

LORD HALSBURY'S FAULTY WILL.

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FAIL.

Among the wills probate of, recently announced is that of the Earl of Halsbury, who left unsettled property of the gross value of £25,000, 11s. 6d., with net personalty £24,058, 4s. 6d. Like many other great lawyers Lord Halsbury made his own will and did not do it satisfactorily. Affidavits from the witnesses were required as to its execution and condition before it could be admitted to probate.

Lord Halsbury, who was for 17 years Lord Chancellor of England, and prior to that for five years Solicitor-General, died on December 11th last, aged 98 years. He was third son of Mr. Stanley L. Giffard, a former editor of the Standard. He left three wills, each made in his own hand on a sheet of half-sheet of newspaper, and dated respectively December 9th, 1906, March 11th, 1912, and September 12th, 1913; all of which are filed, but probate has been granted in respect of the last (which recapitulates the previous ones).

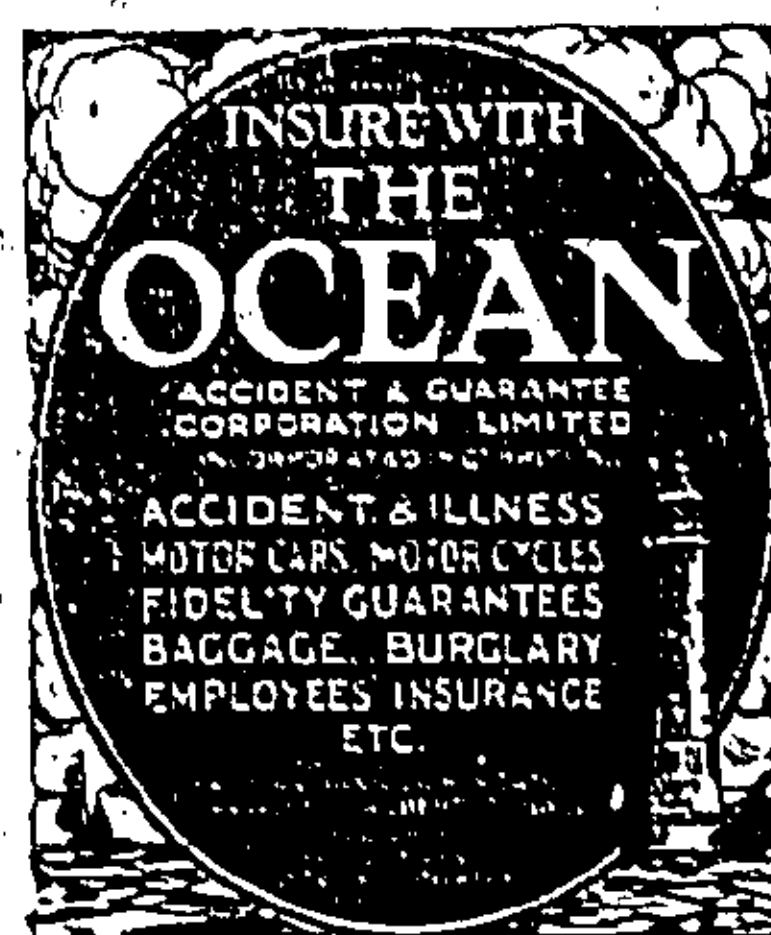
He directed that the Great Seal given to him by Queen Victoria and King Edward VII., and the Giffard Ring should devolve as heirlooms with the title of Earl of Halsbury, and he left all his other property to his wife, stating that the absence of reference to his children was no reflection upon them, but because he had already made such provision for them during his lifetime as his means would permit.

The list of eminent lawyers who made a muddle of drawing their own wills is a long one, and to some extent it may be said that the greater their eminence the greater the muddle. Lord St. Helier, who as Sir Francis Jeune was for many years President of the Probate Division of the High Court, left as a will a document which transgressed most of the rules and requirements of a valid will; and Lord Grimthorpe left a series of testamentary documents which were the impossible to litigation, and whose intention it was impossible to ascertain; while two other great Chancellors, Lord Brougham and Lord Lyndhurst, left unsatisfactory wills. That of Lord St. Leonards could never be found, and Judge Bonhill and Judge Bacon were amongst numerous others whose wills were not in order.

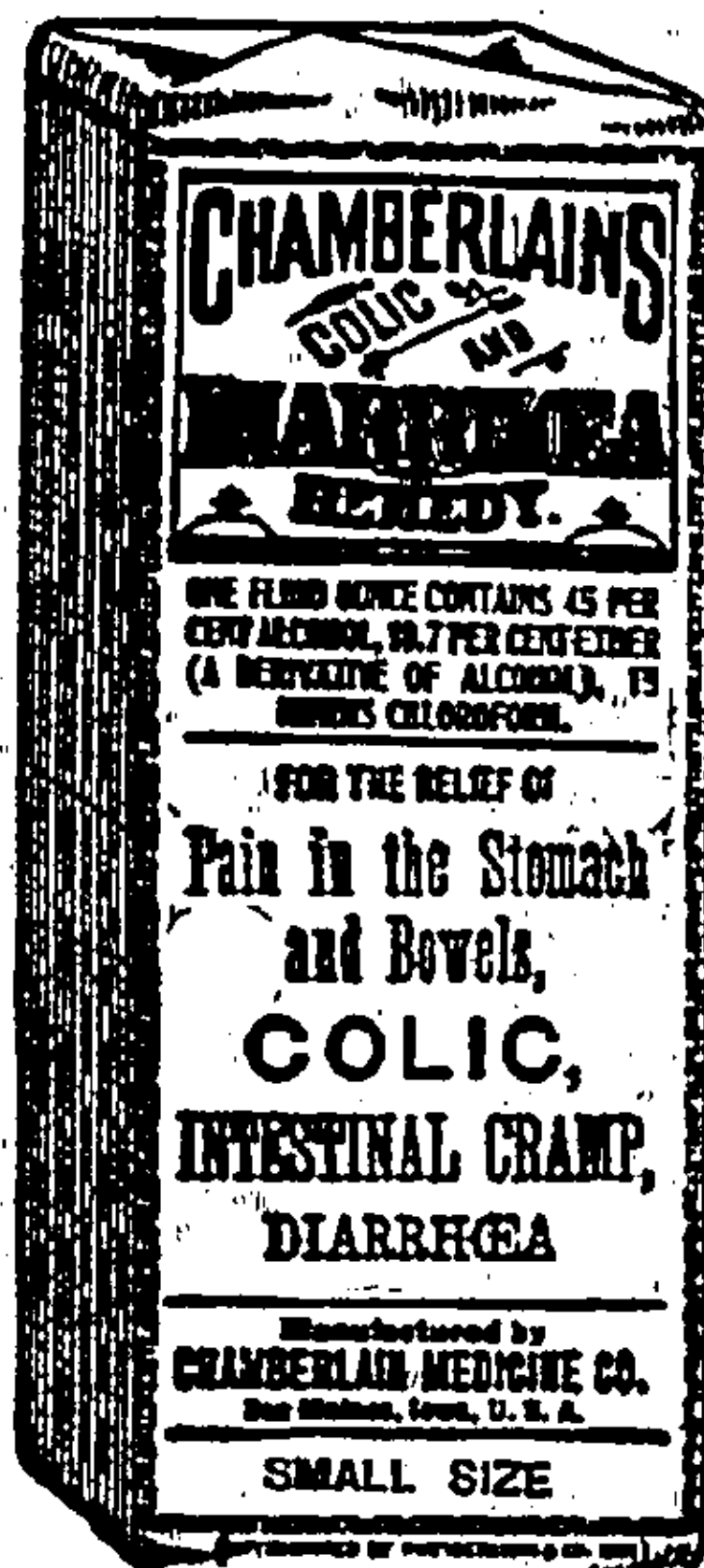
MARY PICKFORD'S INCOME.

Mary Pickford, giving evidence in a lawsuit on February 24th, said that her income for the past two years was £1,123,625 dollars (about £250,000). Mr. E. J. Ludvig, counsel for Mr. Adolph Zukor, testifying to the expansion of the cinema industry, said that Mary Pickford was paid thirty dollars (about £7 10s.) a week for her first cinema engagement. She now receives 10,000 dollars (about £22,500) a week, and fifty per cent. on the sales of her pictures.

In a will of barely 100 words Mr. John Delaney, quarry owner, of Settle, Yorks, disposed of property valued at £228,003. Duties on the estate amount to about £66,000.



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WEATHER REPORT.

April 20th, at 11.15.—Pressure has increased considerably over Japan and decreased slightly from Formosa to Indo-China. A moderate easterly breeze is central near Tokyo.

There are indications of depression to the north-west of Weihaiwei and over Tongking. Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m., 20th inst., 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 11.50 inches, against an average of 3.23 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—

DIRECTION		FORCE	
Hongkong to Gap Rock	N.E. winds, moderate; fair.		
Formosa Channel	The same as No. 1.		
South coast of China between Hongkong and Lanchow	The same as No. 1.		
South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan	The same as No. 1.		

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE

From 21st to 27th April, 1922.

HIGH WATER				LOW WATER			
Day of Week	Day of Month	H'kong Standard Time	Height	Day of Week	Day of Month	H'kong Standard Time	Height
Fri.	21	h. m.	ft. in.	Fri.	21	h. m.	ft. in.
		5 54	4 7			11 40	3 8
Sat.	22	6 34	5 5	Sat.	22	0 29	1 8
		7 20	4 9			0 28	3 4
Sun.	23	6 25	5 5	Sun.	23	1 4	1 8
		7 38	5 2			1 25	2 8
Mon.	24	7 55	5 0	Mon.	24	1 25	1 8
		7 49	5 5			2 0	2 4
Tues.	25	8 13	5 8	Tues.	25	2 5	1 8
		8 27	4 8			2 37	2 0
Wed.	26	8 34	5 2	Wed.	26	3 24	1 9
		9 7	5 5			3 13	1 6
Thurs.	27	8 58	6 5	Thurs.	27	3 4	2 0
		9 43	5 2			3 49	1 2

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AFTER TIGER.

VICEROY'S THRILLING HUNT.

The Pioneer's correspondent at Jaipur gives details of an experience which befall Lord Reading recently while out after tiger. He says that His Excellency the Viceroy arrived at Jaipur at 8.30 a.m. and after a very busy morning went out for a tiger shoot in the afternoon. "Khabar" had been received that an old tigress had killed a wild boar in some very heavy reed jungle, about five miles from Jaipur and at about 3 p.m. His Excellency took up a position in a "machan" on the edge of the jungle. The tigress was believed to be lying up in a rectangular patch of reeds about 500 yards long and from 100 to 200 yards broad. The reeds were from 10 to 15 feet in height and whole cover was tremendously thick and heavy. It was a very fine sight when the line of elephants and beaters crashed into the reeds, where they were immediately lost sight of. After the line had moved about a quarter of the way down the covert, the reeds in front of it caught fire accidentally and as there was a high wind blowing away from the guns towards the beat, the line of elephants and beaters had to clear out of the jungle as fast as they could. At one time it looked as if the flames would catch up the elephants but happily they were able to get out in time.

A CURIOUS SPECTACLE.
The reeds burnt furiously and a huge volume of black smoke rose into the air and presented a very curious spectacle. The fire rapidly burnt all the jungle already beaten over and then proceeded to go slowly against the wind in the direction of His Excellency's machan. The elephants and beaters were very cleverly manoeuvred on to the wings of the beat, as it was realized that the fire might upset the tigress and induce her to dash out on either side instead of going out straight in front of the original line of the beat. The progress of the fire against the wind was now slow, and it was obvious that the fire was about to beat out the whole of this particular covert far more thoroughly than could have been done by the stanchest line of elephants and beaters. The tigress, however, made no sign and finally there was nothing left unburnt except a small patch of reeds about 20 yards square.

It seemed extraordinarily unlikely that the tiger was clinging so tenaciously to the rapidly diminishing covert, and in fact, His Excellency and party had almost given up all hope when suddenly out dashed a fine tigress. She had about fifty yards of fairly open ground to cover before she could reach the next patch of reeds. She started headlong for this, suddenly checked, turned round and dashed back to the edge of her old covert though better of it and then made off as hard as she could across the open for her next haven.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S SHOT TELLS.
His Excellency had to take a very difficult shot as she was travelling at very nearly full speed. He gave her both the barrels, one bullet wounding her mortally in the flank, and she reached the next patch of reeds almost done. Then she was within range from the second machan in which were seated Colonel Cary Evans and Captain Messervy and Burton who gave her the coup de grace. She dropped out of sight among the reeds, and failed to make any response to the stones thrown at the place where she fell. His Excellency and Major Muir then brought up their elephants in order to locate her, but the reed jungle was so thick that nothing could be seen, and when the elephants got the wind of the tigress at fairly close quarters, they showed great excitement and in particular His Excellency's elephant shook himself and his riders fairly violently. The dead tigress was, however, located and dragged out of the covert and His Excellency and party with the tigress were almost immediately surrounded by the whole crowd of beaters and a great many spectators, who appeared from every side in a most astounding manner.

AN EXCITING AFTERNOON.
This was the first occasion that Lord Reading had been out tiger shooting, and he certainly found it a thrilling experience. The stampede of the elephants of the line when the fire broke out, the furious flames and masses of smoke which a change of wind might at any moment have turned rather too rapidly in his direction, the apparent hopelessness at the end when there did not seem to be enough covert for the tigress to stay in, and then the sudden rush of the tigress, the difficult but successful shot, and the final location of her in the heavy reeds—all these contributed to a most exciting afternoon's sport. The tigress measured 8 feet 4 inches and from her yellow teeth appeared to be a fairly old one. The Shikar Department of the State identified her as having given a lot of trouble in many previous beats as she had shown a predilection for lying very close and then making a sudden dash for liberty in an unexpected direction.

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S.S. "KARROO"	via Suez Canal	10th May.	
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DESTINATIONS	STEAMERS & DISPLACEMENT	SAILING DATES
SHANGHAI, KORE & YOKOHAMA	"ANGKOR" 15,200 ... On or about 28th April. "ANGERS" 15,000 ... On or about 12th May.	
MARSEILLES, via HAI-PHONG, SAIGON, SINGAPORE, PENANG, ANG, COLOMBO, DJIBOUTI, SUEZ & PORT SAID	"AMAZONE" 11,000 ... On or about 2nd May. "PORTHOS" 20,000 ... On or about 13th May.	
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"DUNERA"	5,400	3rd May	Singapore, Colombo & Bombay
"PLASSY"	7,346	10th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"DONGOLA"	8,000	24th May	Singapore, Colombo & Bombay
"SICILIA"	8,700	31st June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KHYBER"	9,000	7th June	Singapore, Colombo & Bombay
"DELTA"	8,100	21st June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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"KASHGAR"	9,000	2nd Aug.	do

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"DONGOLA"	8,000	27th Apr.	Shanghai & Japan.
"NERBUDDA"	7,911	23rd Apr.	Amoy, Shanghai & Kobe.
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For	Steamer	To Sail
AMOI, MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	"CHINHUA"	On 21st Apr. 9 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SOOCHOW"	On 21st Apr. 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SHANTUNG"	On 24th Apr. 11 a.m.
PARHAI & HAIPHONG	"KAIKONG"	On 24th Apr. noon.
SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"LINAN"	On 25th Apr. noon.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SZECHEEN"	On 25th Apr. noon.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KWANGTUNG"	On 27th Apr. noon.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"KANCHOW"	On 27th Apr. noon.
WITHAM, CHERPOO & TIENTSIN	"HUICHOW"	On 29th Apr. 4 p.m.
AMOI, MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	"TAMING"	On 29th Apr. 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SUNNING"	On 30th Apr. noon.
SHANGHAI	"SUTYANG"	On 30th Apr. 4 p.m.
SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KWANGCHOW"	On 2nd May, noon.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SINKIANG"	On 4th May, noon.
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"SIBERIA MARU"	30,000	...	May 24th
"TENYO MARU"	...	...	May 28th
"KOREA MARU"	...	...	May 13th
"SHINYO MARU"	...	...	May 29th
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STEAMERS	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"SEIYOMARU"	14,000	...	May 15th
"RAKUYO MARU"	...	...	May 24th
"GINYO MARU"	...	...	Aug. 27th

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